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COLUMN

State Commission Took \$58.05
Out of Money Contributed to
Kid Lavigne's Benefit.

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SHYLOCK demanded his pound
of flesh—and the State Boxing
Commission took \$58.05 out of
the money contributed for Kid Lavigne's
benefit. The State got its
“bit” by snatching a few of the dollars
freely given by Lavigne's old
friends and intended for Lavigne him-
self.

Just what possible excuse the Box-
ing Commissioners can offer for this
ungrudging proceeding no ordinary citizen
can imagine.

According to the managers of the
Lavigne benefit, Commissioner Wenck
stated that the usual percentage of the
gate receipts would have to be held
out for the State. When a protest
was made Mr. Wenck said he was
sorry, but that was the law.

If we have a law on the statute
books that allows the State to confiscate
a portion of any sum donated for a
charitable purpose it's about time
to have the law repealed.

What does the State tax mean, any-
way? At the Lavigne benefit there
wasn't a paid boxer or athlete in the
list of those who exhibited to help
the old champion in his time of
trouble. Those who appeared volun-
teered their services. One ten-round
paid bout was scheduled, but it was
cut from the programme. There
wasn't a single boxing “contest.” The
show wasn't in any sense a series of
boxing competitions. In fact, there
wasn't a single competition or con-
test of any kind.

The Boxing Commissioners have
established a precedent—idiotic as it
may appear to the ordinary intelli-
gence of the mere outsiders. After
taking a part of the money paid in or
contributed by Lavigne's friends they
can hardly fail to do the same to
any other fund. Since they collected
a tax on the Lavigne benefit, in which
there were no boxing contests, it is
obvious that to be consistent they must
collect the State tax of 7½ per cent.
wherever boxing of any kind forms
a part of any performance or enter-
tainment.

The receipts of the Lavigne ben-
efit, turned over to the Kid by
John Reiser, who ran the
show, were astonishingly small. It
was expected that Lavigne would re-
ceive at least \$2,000. But the money
actually paid to Lavigne, including
checks and cash sent him through
the mail, amounted to only \$464.

There is still due, according to the
Barber's statements, \$310 for tickets
sold and not yet paid for. The State
collected a tax out of this entire sum.
Reiser attributed the small receipts
to the holiday season.

FRANKIE WHITEY, who whipped
Wolgate in Atlanta last week
and spoiled Wolgate's chances
in the Cross fight, is in town and “all
set up.” Met Frankie yesterday. He
states that he intends to get the best
legal advice in New York and use
every effort to run down and punish
the person or persons who sent fake
telegram in the name of Whitey's
manager to all the newspapers on the
night of the Whitey-Wolgate affair.

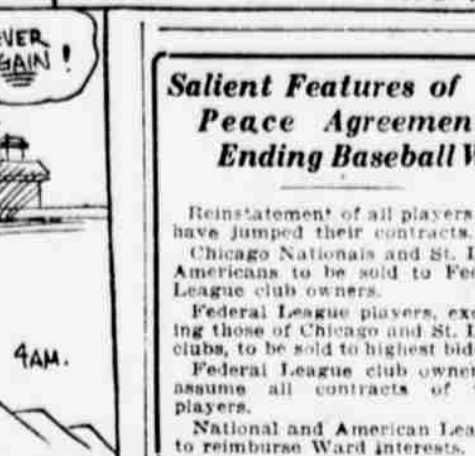
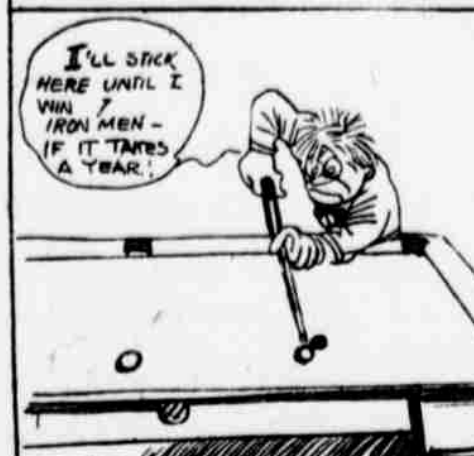
“I whipped Wolgate,” said Whitey.
“I don't know whether there
was a cut on his head or not. I
fought him deliberately and stopped
all his wild rushes. When he quit,
I had him tamed. One eye was com-
pletely and the other nearly closed.
He was very weak from my body
pounding. I told him to quit when
the bell rang and he staggered to
his corner. To tell you the truth,
I was ashamed to hit him, he was so
badly beaten. His manager threw in
the sponge and gave up the fight,
which was the only thing he could
do.”

After the fight my manager sent
out wires to the New York papers
saying I had won the official decision.
Later that night the same papers re-
ceived what purported to be another
wire signed by my manager, asking
that they disregard the first message.

“This second wire was a fake. I
wasn't even sent out from Atlanta,
although in the first line it was dated
“Atlanta.” There was no New York
date line. We have traced the fake
wires down far enough to know that
they were sent from a Thirty-eighth
Street office of the telegraph com-
pany. No telegraph company has a
right to send out messages with a
fake date line. And no one has a
right to forge another person's signa-
ture to a telegram. I've been injured
financially by this fake wire, and I'm
going to make it mighty hot for some-
body.”

BENNY LEONARD just dropped in
last night. Benny looked quite
neat and natty. He didn't sport
a cauliflower ear, though this is an
omission that can be corrected later,
possibly.

I asked Benny if he thought he
could run fast enough to catch
Wein, with whom he is matched.
“I'll catch him all right,” said
Benny, grinning. After a moment of
deep thought he added: “And I'll
knock him out.”



Bennie Kauff Is the Greatest Player In the World, According to Bennie Kauff.

This is how Bennie Kauff, the young Ty Cobb of the Federal League, regards his ability as a ball player and his prospects in organized baseball:

“I have rented a flat in the Bronx and will stick around here until I make the Giants live up to their contract with me.”

“I'll show those birds something when I get into that league. If Larry Doyle and those fellows can bat around .330 I'm good for .375. I didn't take a full swing at the ball last season. I just chipped at it when I scored those long homers. When I play on the Polo Grounds that right field stand will be a cinch. I'll knock them in right hand.”

“Those National League catchers stop me! Say, if I don't steal forty bases next season I'll give you a year's salary. Those pitchers won't bother me. I just punch at curved balls and swing at the fast ones.”

“The best player in the National League last year? I dunno, but I know who the best will be next season and his name starts with a K.”

“No, sirree, the umpires won't get me. It's going to be ‘Mister’ with me, and they will not get any of my money. I was only fined once last year. In 1914 the Feds got about all my dough. Gilmore would hand me a letter before every game, asking me to keep off the umpires, but I couldn't stand their lip. I've learned a lesson since then. ‘McGraw is a fine feller. He and I will get along great if I go to the Giants.’”

Fistic News and Gossip

By John Pollock

Leach Cross, the Fighting Dentist, who stopped Ad Wolgate in a rounds last Friday night at the Harlem Sporting Club, meets Paeky Hommey of the east side in the feature bout at the same club to-night. Cross is much peeved that he has to go through this bout, as he never signed a contract for it, but he is only boxing because ordered to do so by the Boxing Commission. Cross was around yesterday declaring that he was going to make Hommey the goat for the decision, as he says that he is going to try, as never before, to knock him. The rest of the card consists of one ten and two six round bouts.

Charles White, the Chicago lightweight, who has been trying hard to secure a bout for the lightweight championship with Eddie Weir, is going to box Matt Wells again. Recently the lightweight champion of England defeated White in Milwaukee, and ever since then White has been earning for a chance to square accounts. He will get the opportunity on Jan. 4 at the Armory A. C. of Boston, when the pair will clash in a twelve-round bout to a decision at 135 pounds weight.

Knockout Brown, the blond haired lightweight, who recently has been displaying his old form, has two bouts on. Kato is now a resident of Arlington, N. J., where he has a farm, with him, dogs, cats, and so forth. He will box Billy Lewis of Newark for the lightweight championship of New Jersey at the Pioneer Sporting Club on Jan. 6. On Dec. 29 Brown will meet Harry Wagner at Gary, Ind.

Joe Aronow, who used to be under the management of John Reiser, is now being managed by Dick Curley. The latter has matched him to box Eddie Wagner Christmas afternoon at the National A. C. of Philadelphia. Curley declares that he hasn't got close with the Aronow A. C. for the heavyweight, but he says he is willing to do so if he secures the guarantee he demands.

Charles Weir, the Newark boxer, who meets Jim Sarge at the Pioneer Sporting Club next Thursday night, will probably be signed to meet Jim Flynn, the Fighting Fireman, before the Engineers A. C. at their opening show on Jan. 5. Weir Model and Sarge White joined Weir's training camp at Treder's in Newark today.

Battling Levinsky, who boxed Jim Flynn at the Broadway Sporting Club on Christmas afternoon, is wanted by the management of the Armory A. C. of Boston to box Jack Dillon next month. Dan Morgan was offered a guarantee of \$750 for the heavier heavyweight, but he says he won't accept the match unless he gets \$12,500.

Tommy Tully, the Auburn-based boxer from New York, who boxed Eddie Kille on Christmas Day at the meeting of three ten-round bouts to be staged in the Fairmont A. C. in the Bronx. Tully captured a string of victories recently, and in three matches at the Fairmont he defeated Mike McCall, stopped Jack Golie and defeated Billy Fitzsimmons. The latter recently

JUAREZ SELECTIONS.

First Race—Ambr, Ceas, Enders.
Second Race—Palma, Francis, Lady James.
Third Race—Dr. Dougherty, Pen-
alty, Gano.
Fourth Race—Rusa, Sand, Cecil.
Fifth Race—Starnie, Prepaid, Iola.
Sixth Race—Canapa, Mud Sill, Eastman.

A HUNCH THAT FAILED

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Bronx Central Trio Climbs Out of Cellar By Beating Hunts Point

Koster Pin Knights at Last
Register a Victory by Winning
Three Straight Games on
Their Home Alleys in Even-
ing World Three-Man Tour-
ney.

SCHEDULE TO-NIGHT:
Grand Central at Metropolitan.
White Elephant at St. Nicholas Inn.

THE Bronx Central trio gradu-
ated from the cellar in the
Evening World three-man
tournament last night by grabbing three
consecutive games from the Hunts
Point team on their home alleys. These
are the first games the Koster pin
knights have been able to regis-
ter to their credit. Up to yesterday
they were tied for the bottom position
with the Bronx Palace, but the
chances are they will gradually work
their way up near the top.

The series opened with a clean
victory for the Central bowlers,
Nockler and Himmelsbach outplay-
ing their opponents by fifty-five and
ninety pins respectively. Tometz
gained another point over Pala. The
Hunts Point trio were rolling far be-
low their usual form, missing single
pin spares in their second game, but
improvement in their second game, but
Tometz even 200 tally gave this se-
sion to the Koster aggregation.

It seems strange, but nevertheless
it's a fact, every time Jack Levy,
owner of the Hunts Point Academy,
accompanies his team abroad for
tournament or match games they
make a poor showing. Levy's pres-
ence last night must have surely been
the cause for the last season's
representatives only rolled a total of
461, while the Bronx Centrals piled
up 518.

LEAGUE SCORES.
American National Tourney—Presto,
Pennsylvania (forfeit), 942, vs.
499, vs. Fairview, 923; Presto, 848, vs.
Pennsylvania (forfeit).

United Bowling Clubs—Woodman,
498, vs. Black Hawk, 730; Woodman,
728, vs. Park, 748; Black Hawk, 719,
vs. Park, 728.

818, vs. League—Pierles, Butler Con-
tany, 739, 758, 842, vs. L. E. Stirn, 711,
711, 832.

Charles Costa of the White Elephants
is not the only southpaw bowler in the
Evening World tourney. We recovered
Wald and Lipman of the Bronx Palace
team are also left-handed shooters.

A resounding crash does not always
signify a strike.

Alex Dunbar and Jimmy Smith re-
cently returned from an exhibition tour
of the country. The expedition would
have been a huge success had they con-
fined themselves wholly to exhibitions
and carried out their agreements to ap-
pear in certain cities on certain dates.

They were heavily billed for this week
at J. P. McGuire's academy in St. Louis,
but failed to put in an appearance. In-
cidents of this kind will undoubtedly
affect future New York bowling cham-
pions.

**GEORGE BOTHNER WRESTLES
GIANT COLOSSE TO-NIGHT.**

The popular referee and undefeated
lightweight champion, George Bothner,
will meet the huge French champion,
Pierre Le Colosse, at the international
wrestling tournament at the Manhattan
Opera House to-night. The bout will be
catch-as-catch-can style, in which Both-
ner remains one of the cleverest ex-
ponents of the sport.

“The Mysterious Masked Marvel,”
who has been the centre of all eyes for
a fortnight, is matched to wrestle Ivan
Johnson, the intangible, man-eating
Cosack. Linow was scheduled to meet
the unknown on the occasion of his
second appearance, but refused on ac-
count of an injury he had sustained.

No Players on Blacklist In Peace Agreement Signed at Cincinnati

Even the Men Who Jumped Major and Minor Leagues to Join
Federal League Are Eligible—Two Clubs Change Hands,
Charles Weeghman Securing the Cubs and Phil Ball the
Browns.

THE baseball war is ended, the
committee representing Or-
ganized Baseball and the Fed-
eral League having at last signed a
treaty of peace. The principal fea-
ture of the agreement is that there
will be no blacklist of any Federal
League players, not even those who
jumped major league or minor league
contracts to join the outlaws.

The Federal League promoters will
recoup some of their losses by the
sale of their stars. Many of them
are bound to bring a handsome
figure.

The details of the agreement won't
be announced for some time.
Two major league clubs will change
hands as a result of the bringing
about of peace, and two new faces

will be seen among major league
magnates in the future. Charles
Weeghman, who has been President
of the Chicago Federal League Club,
will purchase the controlling interest
in the Chicago National League team
from Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati.
Phil Ball and his associates, who were
connected with the St. Louis Federal
League team, gain control of the St.
Louis American League Club from
Robert Hedges, Cal. McDiarmid,
John E. Bruce and others, who have
long been connected with major
league circles.

The announcement concerning the
reimbursement of the Ward interests
in the Brooklyn Federal League club
was also made. Peace was the Inter-
national League. Two propositions
were concerned. One was that the
Buffalo Federal League Club wanted
to be consolidated into the Inter-
national League Club, but the Inter-
national League would not agree
to this.

Other was relative to the Balti-
more Federal League Park. Jack
Dunn of the Richmond, Va., team has
for some time, according to President
Harmon of the International League,
been considered as having the legiti-
mate right to an International League
franchise in Baltimore when peace
is made. He wanted with full power
to-day and demanded this right, and
it was reported, made an offer for the
Federal League grounds. The Fed-
eration, “and I don't feel that it would
be right for me to make any state-
ments one way or the other. It is
my business to run the team and not
to get involved in the politics of the
game.”

**Masked Marvel
And Lewis Go to
Two-Hour Draw**

A crowd that included hundreds of
smartly dressed women and filled to
overflowing the spacious Manhattan
Opera House saw Stranger Lewis
and the Masked Marvel wrestle two
hours to a draw last night. It was
only the other night that Lewis pro-
vided the real sensation of the tour-
ney when he scored a fall over the
Marvel in less than fifteen minutes.

Up to the time that the Stranger
pinned his shoulders to the mat the
Marvel was considered unbeatable. It
was uncanny the easy manner he de-
feated his other opponents, and his
work alone was responsible for mak-
ing a success of a tourney that was
slowly nearing the rocks of failure.

When the Marvel was tossed by
Lewis he declared that he was not
only hit, but that a slip enabled his
adversary to beat him. Last night
he was back in the form that pre-
viously marked his work in the tour-
nament and many times in the course
of the evening it looked as though he
had both of Lewis's shoulders touch-
ing the canvas, but Referee Bothner
ruled otherwise.

If the match had not been stopped
by police regulations, it is probable
that the opinion of a majority of the
spectators that the Marvel would
have won, as he was the stronger at
the finish. So interesting was the
bout that few of the three thousand
spectators left before time was called.

The management is now trying to
arrange for another finish match be-
tween these two stars.

Ask A. A. T. for Novel Sanction.
Special permission may be granted to
the Hawaiian Association of the Ama-
teur Athletic Union to promote a 100-
yard outdoor swimming championship
race in Honolulu Harbor next summer,
as the result of a visit by Loren An-
drews, Secretary of the association to
Frederick W. Ruben, Chairman of the
National Championship Committee, at
No. 21 Warren Street, yesterday. The
100-yard dash is not recognized by the
A. A. T. as an outdoor event, but inas-
much as the Hawaiian Association is
eager to promote the race, Mr. Ruben
will ask the Championship Committee
for the authority to issue a sanction for
the contest.

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BIG LEAGUE CLUBS BIDDING ALREADY FOR FORTY FEDS

Gilmore Says Eighty-Four
Players Are Under Con-
tract to His League.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—There are
eighty-four players under contract
to clubs which are members of the
Federal League, and already bids for
forty of them have been made by
American and National League clubs,
according to James A. Gilmore and
Charles Weeghman, who returned
to-day from the peace meeting in
Cincinnati. The Federal League
owners expect to have to carry a
comparatively few contracts, as it
is certain, Mr. Gilmore said, that the
high-salaried better known players
will be taken over by their late
rivals.

Minor League clubs have claims
on players who left their ranks for
the Federals will be given oppor-
tunity to buy the men who fail to
find places in the majors, according
to Mr. Gilmore. In a few of these
cases it is possible the owners of the
Federal League will have to supply
part of the contract salaries.

So far as known, no deals for play-
ers have been arranged yet, and re-
ports that Kauff, Macee and others
who had been awarded to one team
or another were denied.

Mr. Weeghman insisted to-day that
he would buy the Cubs and move
them to the North Side, despite stor-
ies here and elsewhere that there
was a hitch in the deal. He confirmed
a story that his agreement with
Charles P. Taft, providing for his pur-
chase of the major portion of the
stock, extended indefinitely or until
peace was agreed to. It was likely,
Mr. Weeghman said, that the nick-
name, “Cubs,” would be retained.

Manager Tinker, who is in a hospi-
tal here, was informed over the
telephone of the successful termina-
tion of the peace meeting and of the
announcement that he would be man-
ager of the combined Whites and
Cubs. He was not permitted, how-
ever, to discuss his plans.

Reds Buy First Fed Star.
CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 23.—The
purchasing of Pitcher Moseley by the
Cincinnati National League Club
from Harry Sinclair of the Newark
Federals, was announced here to-day
and is said to be the first of the
Federal League players to have been
displaced since the signing of the
peace agreement. Moseley was for-
merly with the Boston American
League Club, going from there to the
Federals.

**HEMPSTEAD GIVES GAFFNEY
CREDIT FOR PEACE PACT.**

James E. Gaffney, owner of the
Boston Braves and the individual re-
sponsible for the boys being out of the
trenches by Christmas, received the
following telegram last night from
Harry N. Hempstead, President of the
Giants, who attended the meeting in
Cincinnati:

“Mr. James E. Gaffney,
“Congratulations on your great out-
come. Negotiations settled satisfac-
torily. You are to be congratulated.”

H. N. HEMPSTEAD.
Gaffney, attending to the F. F.
Baker, of the Phillies, has been nego-
tiating with the Feds for peace for
more than a year.

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TO-NIGHT—TO-NIGHT.
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Amateur: 10-Round Bout and 3 Sixes.
5,000 SEATS AT \$1.00.

Harlem Sporting Club, 1000 N. Y. 2300 Broadway, near
Boston Bldg. Sat. Dec. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1915.
Huntington, 1000 N. Y. 2300 Broadway, near
Ed. Kelly, Josh Matthews vs. Young Brown, 1000 N. Y.

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